



THE MUJAHIDEEN IN THE CITIES

SHEIKH HARITH IBN GHAZI AL-NADARI

شبكة أنصار المجاهدين



As-Salāmu `Alaykum wa Rahmatu l-lāhi wa Barakātuh

Alhamdulillah the Kind and Praiseworthy One, who does what He wishes and governs as He wants, and peace and blessings on the messenger of Allah Mohammed ibn Abdullah, by whom Allah guides whom He wishes to the straight path.

Jihad for the sake of Allah is one of the most glorious forms of worship and one of the best deeds. Imam Al-Bokhari – rahimahullah – narrated from Abu Hurayrah, may Allah be pleased with him: *“The prophet, peace and blessings of Allah be upon him and his family, was asked: ‘What is the best deed?’ he said: ‘Believing in Allah and His messenger.’ It was said: ‘Then what?’ He said: ‘Jihad for the sake of Allah.’”*

The messenger of Allah, peace and blessings of Allah be upon him and his family said: *“Anyone whose feet get covered with dust in Allah's Cause will not be touched by Hell fire”*. Narrated by Bokhari from Abdurrahman bin Jabr, may Allah be pleased with him.

Therefore, if jihad for the sake of Allah was held in high regard and esteem and Allah Most High made it the pinnacle of Islam, then he who holds back from jihad – no matter how much knowledge he has attained or how much he worships – cannot be equal to the mujahid for the sake of Allah. Allah said: *{The holders back from among the believers, not having any injury, and those who strive hard in Allah's way with their property and their persons are not equal; Allah has made the strivers with their property and their persons to excel the holders back a (high) degree, and to each (class) Allah has promised good; and Allah shall grant to the strivers above the holders back a mighty reward - 95- Ranks specially bestowed by Him and Forgiveness and Mercy. For Allah is Oft-Forgiving, Most Merciful {-96-}* Surah An-Nisa.

The Muslims knew from the Book of Allah and the Sunnah of the messenger of Allah that the best deed is jihad for the sake of Allah, and the best mujahidin are those who risk their lives and money.

Al-Bokhari narrated from Ibn Abbas, may Allah be pleased with them: *“The prophet, peace and blessings of Allah be upon him and his family said: ‘No good deeds done on other days are superior to those done on these (first ten days of Dhul Hijja).’ Then some companions of the Prophet said, ‘Not even Jihad?’ He replied, ‘Not even Jihad, except that of a man who does it by putting himself and his property in danger (for Allah's sake) and does not return with any of those things.’”*

The best mujahidin are those who risk themselves by engaging the enemy, going into his dens, penetrating his barracks and regions of his influence, overcoming difficulties, enduring perils, and seeking out places of expected

death and destruction out of their love for Allah and longing for Him and their desire for Jannah. A Jannah as wide as are the heavens and the earth with tents of pearls and palaces of gold and silver; with rivers of honey, wine, milk and water. Its women are soft immortals with wide, lovely eyes as though they were rubies and pearls.

Arabic poetry

Let me die in combat with pride, since dying with pride is better than living.

I swear honor isn't gaining money and for the rich from above there is no calling.

The battlefields will remember me throughout my life until my day of dying.

They are the mujahidin in the cities. We reckon them, and Allah is their reckoner, to be a group of righteous men, who dedicated themselves to Allah and for the sake of Allah. Jihad has sent them to various countries and cities around the world. Their purpose is to support the religion, and their hope from Allah is to give them victory over their enemy and to grant them martyrdom and an end for His sake.

Arabic poetry

They went, drinking death as a delicious cup, despite the bitter taste of destruction.

They refused to live as slaves in a world ruled by injustice and the Kufr's domination.

The proud soul refuses oppression, and no one, who is free in his religion accepts humiliation.

The mujahidin in the cities include the Ansar, who give shelter to the Muhajirin and prefer them above themselves. They also include those who monitor the enemy waiting for them at every lookout. They include those who sacrifice themselves by seeking martyrdom. They include, Dai'is who guide to the truth and the straightest path. These include the media soldiers, who do the documentation and the knights who spread the word. All these heroes are the lions of Islam, the mujahidin who inflict the most sufferings on the Kuffar to torment them, and the fighters who have the greatest effect in the battles.

The mention of them frightens the enemy, and scatters their ranks. They are the soldiers of Allah, whom Allah uses to enrage the Kuffar and whom Allah uses to heal the hearts of believers. A single one of these mujahidin is a detachment on his own as were the heroes of the righteous Sahabah.

Arabic poetry

They spend the night by obeying their Lord, reciting (the Quran), and in supplication and praying.

Their eyes are filled with floods of tears like a torrential rain down pouring. At night they are priests. When they wage jihad against their enemy, they are the most daring.

Sujud to their Lord leaves marks on their faces where the rays of His shining light are emanating.

It is mentioned in the Book of “Al-Maghazi” by Al-Waqidi that Khalid bin Sufyan Al-Hathali was gathering fighters to fight the messenger of Allah, peace and blessings of Allah be upon him and his family, and many people of unknown tribes joined him. So the messenger of Allah, peace and blessings of Allah be upon him and his family, called upon Abdullah bin Unais, may Allah be pleased with him, sent him as a lone detachment to kill him.

And the messenger of Allah, peace and blessings of Allah be upon him and his family, sent detachments with one and two men. Ibn 'Asakir said in “The History of Damascus”: “The prophet peace and blessings of Allah be upon him and his family, sent Ibn Mas`ud and Khabab as a detachment, and Dihyah as a detachment by himself”.

Imam Al-Dhahabi mentioned in “The History of Islam” that Amr bin Umayya Ad-Dumri, may Allah be pleased with him, embraced Islam after (the Battle of) Uhud and witnessed the Maona Well (incident) and its aftermath. He had courage, bravery and boldness, and he was sent by the prophet, peace and blessings of Allah be upon him and his family, as a detachment alone.

None are chosen for important operations in the enemy barracks and the areas of his influence except those who have courage , bravery and boldness – and there are many of them in the ranks of the mujahidin.

Arabic poetry

If history knew an Aws and a Khazraj, by Allah, there are many other Aws and Khazraj.

O' mujahid in the city, your status is great. Your support of your religion in the location that you are in or the place that were sent to is one of the biggest sacrifices and most noble acts of worship and highest degrees of jihad. How could it not be so? You are waging jihad against the enemy in its den and confronting it in its city and stronghold. This heroic feat is only fit for those, who have great zeal, extreme courage and strong determination. This only comes by the blessing of Allah.

O' mujahid in the city. The thing you need most in your jihad is putting your trust in Allah Most High, since steadfastness and success is only from Allah alone. He is the One, Who supports His servants and believers. Allah says: *{If Allah assists you, then there is none that can overcome you, and if He forsakes you, who is there then that can assist you after Him? And on Allah should the believers rely}* 160 Surah Aal-e-Imran. Therefore, put your trust in Allah and not your abilities and capabilities. Beware of depending on the plan and its reliability, or the commander and his skillfulness. Rather, put your trust in Allah Almighty who guides you and bestows tranquility upon you. He is Praiseworthy, Who shields you from the eyes and ears of the enemy. He is the One, Who preserves, supports and aids you. He alone is sufficient for you. Our Sovereign says: *{and whoever trusts in Allah, He is sufficient for him; surely Allah attains His purpose; Allah indeed has appointed a measure for everything}* 3 Surah At-Talaq.

Putting your trust in Allah Almighty includes taking precautions and being on guard, adherence to the established plan, commitment to heed and obey Allah, His messenger and whom Allah appointed over you in this matter – I mean jihad. Avoid sin, since disobedience is the path of failure, the road to defeat, and the cause of injuries. What happened in the Battle of Uhud was because of disobedience, poor judgment, and aversion from the established plan.

O' mujahid, don't trust yourself, but rather trust Allah the Almighty. You are weak and helpless and one that derives strength and assistance from the Blessed, Most High Allah. Therefore, be wary of relying upon your intelligence and resourcefulness. Rather, your trust and dependency is on Allah alone. Listen to the instruction of the messenger of Allah, peace and blessings of Allah be upon him and his family, to his daughter Al-Zahra, may Allah be pleased with her. Anas bin Malik narrated that the messenger of Allah, peace and blessings of Allah be upon him and his family, told Fatimah, may Allah be pleased with her: *"What prevents you from listening to what I advise you? Say day and night: 'O' Ever Living and Self-Existing, I seek help from your mercy. Thoroughly correct me, and do not leave me to myself for a blink of an eye"*. Narrated by Al-Nasa'i in Sunan Al-Kubra and Al-Hakim, and it's an authentic Hadith.

So O' mujahid, pray to Allah Most High day and night supplicating with His exalted names and attributes to thoroughly correct you and to not leave you to yourself for a blink of an eye.

If you want Allah to protect you, the prophet, peace and blessings of Allah be upon him and his family, guided you by saying: *"Be mindful of Allah, and Allah will protect you"*.

O' mujahid in the city, your enemies have patience in their falsehood and charge one another to show patience in their polytheism, Kufr and apostasy. Allah Most High said about his enemies: *{And the chief persons of them break forth, saying: Go and steadily adhere to your gods; this is most surely a thing sought after}* 6 Surah Sad. Allah your Protector orders you: *{Relent not in pursuit of the enemy. If ye are suffering, lo! they suffer even as ye suffer and ye hope from Allah that for which they cannot hope. Allah is ever Knower, Wise}* 104 Surah An-Nisa. The messenger, peace and blessings of Allah be upon him and his family, gave you glad tidings by saying: *"Victory comes with patience"* as mentioned in the Sahih Al-Jamee, and as they used to say: *"Victory is being patient for one hour."* Therefore, if you miss the enemy after watching for a long time, do not regret it. It is by the plan of Allah. Try once more against them, and you reach your goal, even if it takes time. How many of the enemy slipped passed, and Allah was able to defeat them, and in the end there was much good. Be patient and beware of haste that leads to negligence, since jihad will continue to the Day of Judgment. Beware of complacency and failure. Avoid laziness and indulgence, and seek refuge from Allah from weakness and lethargy.

Arabic poetry

*We have risen to strength, and lethargy has departed * We have made a path to ride with strength to victory.*

*Advance, O' brother in Islam. Toward glory, the legions have proceeded * With resolve, returns the glory.*

O' mujahidin, if the Kuffar had cunning, then the cunning of Allah is greater, and His promise isn't broken. Allah says about the enemies of His religion and fighters of His Sharia: *{And they have indeed planned their plan, but their plan is with Allah, though their plan was such that the mountains should pass away thereby -46- So think not that Allah will fail to keep His Promise to His Messengers. Certainly, Allâh is All-Mighty, - All-Able of Retribution {-47-}* Surah Ibrahim. Whoever was cunning against the religion of Allah, Allah was cunning against him, so He cut off the memory of him and sent him into the abode of perdition, Allah says: *{And they planned a plan, and We planned a plan while they perceived not -50- Then see the nature of the consequence of their plotting, for lo! We destroyed them and their people, everyone -51-}* Surah An-Naml. Allah has supreme wisdom, and He provides for His followers. He is the Praiseworthy One, Who kills his enemies. The Glorious and Mighty One said: *(So you did not slay them, but it was Allah Who slew them, and you did not smite when you smote (the enemy), but it was Allah Who smote, and that He might confer upon the believers a good gift from Himself; surely Allah is Hearing, Knowing -17- This, and that Allah is the weakener of the struggle of the unbelievers -18-}* Surah Al-Anfal.

O' Muslim, if you wanted jihad and couldn't make contact with your brothers the mujahidin, then individual jihad is the best. Allah Most High said: *{Fight then in Allah's way; this is not imposed on you except In relation to yourself, and rouse the believers to ardor maybe Allah will restrain the fighting of those who disbelieve and Allah is strongest in prowess and strongest to give an exemplary punishment}* 84 Surah An-Nisa. Therefore, put your trust in Allah, prepare, choose your target and draw up your plan. Be secret and confidential, and Allah has ensured your victory and support. Allah Most High said: *{and surely Allah will help him who helps His cause; most surely Allah is Strong, Mighty}* 40 Surah Al-Hajj. The prophet, peace and blessings of Allah be upon him and his family said: *"There are three people whom Allah will surely help: a warrior in the cause of Allah, one who devotes himself to his (religious) duties, and whoever seeks chastity by marriage."* Narrated by Al-Tirmidhi from Abu Hurayrah, may Allah be pleased with him, and it's a good Hadith.

Finally, I remind with the saying of Allah Almighty: *{O you who believe! bow down and prostrate yourselves and serve your Lord, and do good that you may succeed -77- And strive hard in (the way of) Allah, (such) a striving a is due to Him; He has chosen you and has not laid upon you an hardship in religion; the faith of your father Ibrahim; He named you Muslims before and in this, that the Messenger may be a bearer of witness to you, and you may be bearers of witness to the people; therefore keep up prayer and pay the poor-rate and hold fast by Allah; He is your Guardian; how excellent the Guardian and how excellent the Helper{-78-}* Surah Al-Hajj.

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